

## C L A I M S

1. A computerized method for writing audit trails in a Workflow-Management-System (WFMS), said method being executable by said WFMS on at least one computer system, said method comprising the steps of:

assigning a multitude of audits trails as potential targets for one or more audit trail records to said WFMS, and

assigning an audit trail distribution strategy to said WFMS,  
comprising a specification which of said potential targets to be used for writing said audit trail record, and

dynamically analyzing for a current audit trail record said distribution strategy and determining a current target from said multitude of audit trails, and

writing said current audit trail record to said current target.

2. Method according to claim 1,

wherein said step of assigning said distribution strategy comprises a SYSTEM-specification associating each WFMS instance of a multitude of WFMS instances with an audit trail of said multitude of audits trails.

3. Method according to claim 1,

wherein associating said each WFMS instance is accomplished according to a round-robin scheme with said multitude of audit trails.

4. Method according to claim 1,

wherein said step of assigning said distribution strategy comprises a PROCESS-specification in a process model associating said process model with an audit trail of said multitude of audits trails.

5. Method according to claim 1,

wherein said step of assigning said distribution strategy comprises an ACTIVITY-specification in a process model associating an activity comprised by said process model with an audit trail of said multitude of audits trails.

6. Method according to claim 5,

wherein said ACTIVITY-specification overrides said PROCESS-specification.

7. Method according to claims 6,

wherein said specification comprising an evaluatable expression, and wherein said step of dynamically analyzing comprising evaluating said evaluatable expression using a variable value not comprised in said process model but being comprised in a context of

a process instance of said process model to determine said current target.

8. Method according to claim 7,

wherein said specification comprises a definition of a level of details to be comprised by an audit trail record.

9. A Workflow-Management-System (WFMS) executable on at least one computer system, the WFMS comprising means adapted for carrying out the steps of the method according to anyone of the preceding claims 1 to 8.

10. A data processing program for execution in a data processing system comprising software code portions for performing a method according to any of claims 1 to 8 when said program is run on said computer.

11. A computer program product stored on a computer usable medium, comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform a method according to any claims 1 to 11 when said program is run on said computer.